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Exact Account of the
PROCEEDINGS

At the

London Sessions
OLD-BAYLY

this July the 13. 1683. with a true Survey of the

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Of the

Lord Russel, William Hone Joyner, John Rouse,
Captain William Blage.)

Who were Indicted for High-Treason in Conspiring the Kings Death, and raising Arms to Subvert the Government, and alter the Religion, and Conspiring the Death of His Royal Brother, James Duke of York.

The Lord Russel, John Rouse, William Hone, and one Captain Thomas Walcot, being all four Condemn'd to be Hang'd, Drawn and Quarter'd.

William Hone, who was yesterday Arraigned, being set to the Bar, and the Indictment Read, desired that the Plea which he tendered Yesterday, might be accepted, which was, that he was guilty of Conspiring the Death of the King, but not guilty of providing Arms, or a Design of raising a Rebellion; Sir George Jeffereys said the Confession was not directly to the Indictment; therefore they would proceed to give their Evidence, he pleading not Guilty as to the whole Indictment, the Jury was then Sworn, being the same that passed the day before, between the King and Capt. Walcot.

Mr. West was first Sworn, who witnessed that the 22. of March 25. Caroli Secundi, at the Parill of St. Michael Bishpaw in the Ward of Bishpaw in the City of London, with Rumbold, Burton, Ferguson, Hollisay, Roge, Francis Goodenough, and Richard Goodenough, and other false Traytors, he Conspir'd the Death of the King, and the Duke of York, to Subvert the Government, and alter the Religion, both in Church and State, and the Prisoner was one of the persons to be Employed in that wicked Act.

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Then *Lilling* was Sworn, who witnessed that he was several times with the Prisoner and several others; who Consulted the Death of the *Black-Bird*, and the *Gold-Finch*, meaning the King and the Duke of York.

Hone acknowledged that he Consulted the Death of the *Black-Bird*, but not of the *Gold-Finch*. But what Mr. *West* witnessed concerning his design of Shooting the King with a *Cross-Bow* out of *Bow-Steeple* on the *Lord Mayors Day*, he denied. He then asked Mr. *West* what he thought of him, who said he took him to be a very honest man, for which expression he was severely checkt. Sir *Nicholas Butler* witnessed that *Hone* Confessed to him, that there was a Design to Shoot the King with a *Cross-Bow* out of *Bow-Steeple*, and that *Hone* was one of them; Captain *Richardson* being Sworn, witnessed that *Hone* Confessed he was hired by *Goodenough*, with the promise of twenty Pounds Reward to kill the King, and that he was to have Shot him with a *Cross-Bow*. *Hone* Confessed that he was drawn in by *Goodenough* to kill the King. But as to the shooting him with a *Cross-Bow*, he said he was not concerned in it; but was only told that there was such a design by some Trades-men that lived near *Bow-Steeple*, then the Jury without going from the Bar brought him in Guilty.

Then the Lord *Russel* was brought in his Coach into the yard, being attended by the *Lieutenant* of the *Tower*. Being brought into Court before the Bar, the Indictment was read, that with *James Duke of Monmouth*, *Ford* *Lord Gray*, *Sir Thomas Armstrong*, and *Robert Fergusan*, conspired the death of the King, the Raising Arms to Subvert the Government, to alter the Religion &c. He pleaded not Guilty, and desired that the Tryal may be put off for a longer time, but being told that the Kings Council insisted on it now, the Court could not put it off. He then desired a Copy of the Pannel of the Jury, which was told him was matter of favour, but such as was never denied, and that it was always ready for him. And being duly Examined, it appeared that he had a List of all the Juries that were returned five or six days since. Then they proceeded to call the Jury to be Sworn. *John Martin* being called, The Lord *Russel* asked him if he had any Free-Hold in London, he answered no. Then he Challenged him for that cause, and desired that Council might be allowed him, which was granted: (*viz.*) Mr. *Pollexfen*, Mr. *Holt*, and Mr. *Ward*, who appearing, Argued very Streamously, that the Statutes concerning Tryals in London, by such as are not Free-holders extended not to Crime in all Causes, but in only Civil. But it was answered by the Attorney General, and Sir *George Jefferys*, and Answered by the whole Court, that Statutes extend to both cases, and it was lately so resolved in the case of *Worcester*. Then the Jury was Sworn, he Challenging Thirty two. Mr. *Roger North* opened the Indictment, Sir *George Jefferys* calling the Evidence.

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Collonel *Rumsey* was Sworn, witnessed that my Lord *Shaftsbury* told him, that the Lord *Russel* and several others were met in Consult about an Insurrection; and that he should go to them to know what readiness they were in for it, who returned answer, that they were not yet ready, being failed of their Expectations in the West-County, (*viz.*) at *Taunton*, therefore they deferr'd it untill the 17th. of *November*, Queen *Elizabeths* Birth Day. Then the Lord *Russel* asked if he spoke any thing, or contented to the Answer, and Collonel *Rumsey* said yes.

Mr. *Shepherd* Sworn, Witnessed that he being a Vintner, *Ferguson* came to his House, and told him that the Duke of *Monmouth*, and the Lord *Russel* were coming to his House, which in a short time they did, privatly in Hackney Coaches, and being come, desired to be very private, and that none be permitted to come into the Room, all the Servants being sent away, he himself waited on them. And that he heard them Consulting about an Insurrection, and to be the best of Remembrance, there was a Discourse of seizing the Guards.

The Lord *Howard* of *Essex* then was Sworn, who made a very large Speech, as to the Plot, or Conspiring in the general, that the Lord *Shaftsbury* contrived it, and sent *Rumsey* to the Lord *Russel*, and several others, to know what readiness they were in, for an Information, and what Resolution they come to, relating to *Taunton*, that their Answer was, they were failed in the West, and that they had always told him they could not be ready at that time, but deferr'd it untill the 17th. of *November*, on which the Lord *Shaftsbury* grew very impatient, and told them he had ten thousand brave boyes ready at any time for his Service. But afterwards the Lord *Russel*, was afraid there was a Discovery by reason of the Proclamation, and for hiding *Rumsey*, that time the Duke of *Monmouth*, *Hamden*, *Sidney*, *Essex*, *Robert Ferguson*, Lord *Russel*, and he himself sat as a chosen Council, to manage the Insurrection design'd and that there was a Paper contriv'd, as a Declaration for Liberty, reckoning up all Grievances pretended we then lay under, but they thought fit to stay till they could see what Interest they could make in *Scotland*, and to that purpose Engaged Sir *Hugh Campbell*, Lord *Melville*, Sir *John Cockram*, and others, one of them (*viz.*) Sir *Campbel* came to Town, about the time of this Discovery, and then conceal'd himself, and is now taken.

Sidney was sent by this Council to view the Guards, in what a Posture they were in; who acquainted them that they were very easily attain'd.

That they had Money ready to carry on their Design, but expected more from *Holland*.

The Lord *Russel* confessed his being at the Consult, when the Message was sent to the Lord *Shaftsbury*, but come in late. He was at *Shepherds* Tavern only to taste his Wine, and was several times in the Company, which they called the Council, only for the sake of the Lord *Howards* good Company, but knew of no Treasonable Consults.

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He then called the Earl of Anglesey, and Mr. Howard, and Dr. Burnet, who witnessed that the Lord Howard. Several times after the Discovery of this Plot, and before his being taken, denied any knowledge of this Conspiracy. Dr. Tillotson and several others, Witnessed that they always took the Lord Russel for a Man of a very good Life and Conversation. Then the Evidence being sum'd up by the Solicitor General, and Sir George Jeffereys and the Lord Chief Justice Pemberton, the Jury withdrew, and the Court Adjourned. After Dinner the Court sitting, the Jury brought in their Verdict Guilty.

John Rouse was then set to the Bar, and a new Jury Sworn, Lee Witnessed that he had several times been with the Prisoner, who said Popery and Slavery were coming in, and it was no sin to kill the King and the Duke, and that they would propose the Running for a Golden Ball on Black Heath, and when they were met, they would assault the Tower and take it.

Mr. Lee Swear that Rouse had several times contrived the Death of the King, and to raise an Army, and he to be pay-master of it.

All which Rouse denied, and said that Lee proposed such things to him, but he refused it.

Corbin Witnessed that in 1681. Rouse told him the King had forfeited his Crown.

Mr. William Richardson Swore, that when he went to take Rouse, he disowned his Name, and said his Name was Johnson.

The Evidence being sum'd up, the Jury without going out of Court, found him Guilty.

Capt. Blage set to the Bar, and the same Jury Sworn. Lee Swore that he Conspir'd then to kill the King, raise Armies, and Seize the Tower.

Lee Swore, that being in his Company, they Discour'd, the tower may be taken, but whether it was only to shew his Opinion barely, or Design

to take it, the Lord Justice Pemberton left it to the Jury, to con-

sider it. The Jury brought in their Verdict, that he was Guilty of the same.

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